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**DWR ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY
OF A NEW WEB-BASED INTERFACE FOR THE BAY-DELTA AND TRIBUTARIES
COOPERATIVE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Sacramento - The Department of Water Resources, as a member of the Bay-Delta Science Consortium, announces the availability of the newest web-based user interface to obtain data from the Bay-Delta and Tributaries Cooperative Data Management System.

The new interface is intended to ease the sharing of data that will facilitate the development of a comprehensive understanding of the status, trends, and environmental processes and mechanisms in Central California, and help guide adaptive management of natural resources in the estuary and watershed. This interface was developed in response to data user specifications that were obtained from workshops and other forums on the features the new interface should have. You can gain access to the new interface at: <http://baydelta.ca.gov/>.

The new interface was developed as a project under the San Francisco Bay-Delta Science Consortium which is an organization composed of 15 government, university, and private institutions that have joined forces to share scientific information and resources on the aquatic ecosystem of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary and its associated watersheds. Additional information on the Bay-Delta Science Consortium can be found at: <http://www.baydeltaconsortium.org/>

The Bay Delta and Tributaries Cooperative Data Management System provides data organization and distribution services for water resources-related information through collaborative efforts at local, State, and national levels. Over 50 organizations contribute data voluntarily to this project. The database includes biological, water quality, and meteorological data. Several dozen local databases at Federal, State, county, municipal, university, and private sector locations have already been successfully developed, implemented, and linked through the BDAT project.

Additional information on the BDAT Cooperative Data Management System can be found at: <http://www.baydeltaconsortium.org/projects/data>.

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